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Comprehensive Plan Maps Out US Approach For Achieving Energy Independence

(WASHINGTON, DC) - The United States House of Representatives has passed the most comprehensive energy legislation in two decades.

The Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act is a compromise that combines expanded drilling with an American-owned 21st century comprehensive, clean renewable energy and efficiency approach that:

- lowers prices for consumers and protects taxpayers;
- expands domestic drilling offshore and on land;
- expands renewable sources of energy;
- increases our security by freeing America from the grip of foreign oil;
- requires Big Oil to pay what it owes taxpayers;
- ends unnecessary subsidies to the Big Oil companies earning record profits and reinvests them in renewable energy; and
- creates good-paying jobs here in America.

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Mr. Speaker, while Big Oil rakes in record profits this year, American families are struggling with pain at the pump. House Democrats are working to pass a comprehensive energy plan that lowers prices for consumers expands renewable energy and creates good paying jobs here in America.

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The old Bush/Cheney policy, written by and for the

oil companies is the gift that keeps on giving to Big Oil, while taking more public land, more taxpayer dollars, while they record more record profits.

Every Representative in this House has a clear choice this month. Talk about an “all of the above” plan or take action.

They can join Democrats in siding with consumers struggling with energy costs or they can continue to side with Big Oil. They can support a policy that will create good-paying American jobs and increase our nation’s security or they can continue to argue for their drill only plan.

As T. Boone Pickens has said clearly, ‘This is one problem we can’t drill our way out of.’

Mr. Speaker, the Democratic energy plan will bring down prices at the pump and invest in renewable energy for the future. It deserves strong support.

**-- Congressman Russ
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